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Just a Reminder...

CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday each month
at 7:30 PM
KC Greenville Learning
Center
(Kaskaskia College)
209 N. Third St.
Greenville, IL 62246

CLUB NET

Sun. 9:00 PM - 147.165

Linked Repeater System

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Club Repeaters

W9KXQ/R
(PL 103.5)

147.165+
224.440-

KB9EGI
442.925+

The Monthly Publication of the Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club

FIELD DAY PREPARATIONS

How to use N3FJP's Contest Logging software for Field Day



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PLAN NOW FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

June 7, 2012
7:30 PM


MEETINGS TO PLAN FOR


www.arrl.org

June 7, 2012

Field Day Preparation

**NO JULY MEETING
DUE TO
FIELD DAY**



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The ARRL Letter (<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2012-05-24>)

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REPEATER UPDATES

Linked repeater system is operational

W9KXQ 147.165 Repeater site

KB9EGI 442.925 Repeater site



Saturday May 12th, Les N9MFA, Bob KC9BOZ , Cary W4GRN & John W9KXQ were at the KB9EGI repeater site where they relocated the Repeater to a temporary cabinet, after removing all of the equipment from the 50 year old outdoor Motorola cabinet. The cabinet was transported to a local business where it will be sand blasted and Powder Coated. Stay Tuned for Updates!

Location for June 7, 2012 7:30 PM Meeting

Kaskaskia College Center in Greenville (just south of the Dairy Queen on Third St.)



Regular Meeting location Kaskaskia College
Greenville Education Center 209 N. Third St.
Greenville, IL 62246

rear entrance

Future Dates this Location:

June 7, 2012
July NO Meeting
August 2, 2012
September 6, 2012
October 4, 2012
November 1, 2012



Dayton Hamvention Buckhorn Steak Eaters! May 18, 2012



Jake KC9FJN, Doug W9NJM, Jon Greve, Tom W9AEB, Dave K9UK, Jerry WB9NEY,
Cary W4GRN

Front Row - Ken KK9N, Lance K2SGS, John W9KXQ, Jay W9JF



Minutes Highlights for May 3, 2012

President Ken KK9N called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday October 7, 2010 in Room 106 of the Kaskaskia College Education Center on Third Street in Greenville. There were 19 people present.

Cary W4GRN read the minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Howard Wise N9GEQ reported a balance of \$907.20. The treasurer's report was accepted.

John W9KXQ reported that a local body shop is getting an estimate to repaint the 440 cabinet, which has been in use 20 years.

Jim KF4NBG reported that the next VE testing will be this coming Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the public library in Highland. At the April testing one amateur upgraded to Extra Class.

Tim K9XWX reported that the Clinton County ARES group has helped with a couple of events recently. The Carlyle Union Banner newspaper did a spot interview with Tim and Ken about ARES.

Ken distributed volunteer sheets for Field Day, June 23 & 24. Conveniently, it was filled in from last year. Some edits were made. Jim no longer has a generator. Tim will supply one.

The Dayton Hamvention is two weeks from tonight. Three of Ken's five reserved rooms will be used by members of OVARC.

Ken reminded us of an article in this month's newsletter about the re-directed DNS virus. Visit <http://www.dcwq.org> to check whether your computer has this virus.

HB1390 passed the Illinois House this week 110-10. They are looking for sponsors in the Senate. The Illinois Municipal League opposes the bill, but that group opposes all statutes that preempt home rule. Watch for an email from John when to contact your State Senator.

Ken KK9N asked the trivia corner question: Can you operate modulated CW (MCW) in the CW portions of the amateur bands? If so, on what bands is it allowed by FCC rules? Tim K9XWX answered. Ken said that most modern rigs put an audio tone on side band. It is frowned upon below 50 HZ.

Vince KC9QTM from Aviston has joined our club. He is active in the ARES organization in Clinton County. He is in the market for a used rig.

Our program was presented by Rick Crocket W0PC. Two other amateurs accompanied him, John WA0QQD and Helen AC0NF. Rick stressed the importance of really being able to serve the public in emergencies. Rick shared his experiences with FLdigi and RMS Express for WinLink 2000. John and Helen helped Rick demonstrate his portable EmComm Station.

Ken announced that the June meeting will be dedicated to Field Day.

Howard sold 50/50 tickets. David K9UK won \$7 which he donated back to the club.

Cary Holman W4GRN
Secretary



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FLdigi for Digital EmComm & RMS Express Presented by Rick Crockett WØPC

Rick WØPC covered the use of FLdigi and the latest features that have been developed for EmComm. He introduced us to RMS Express for WinLink, complete with live a live demonstration using WinLink to Internet E-Mail.



Rick explains how simple it is to have a station for RMS Express on the air using a Signalink USB adapter.



Above, Rick's EmComm To Go Station complete with HF, VHF & UHF Rigs, power supply and digital interfaces (TNC).

Below,

John WAØQQD,
 Helen ACØNF & Rick WØPC



Helen ACØNF & John WAØQQD sending E-Mail



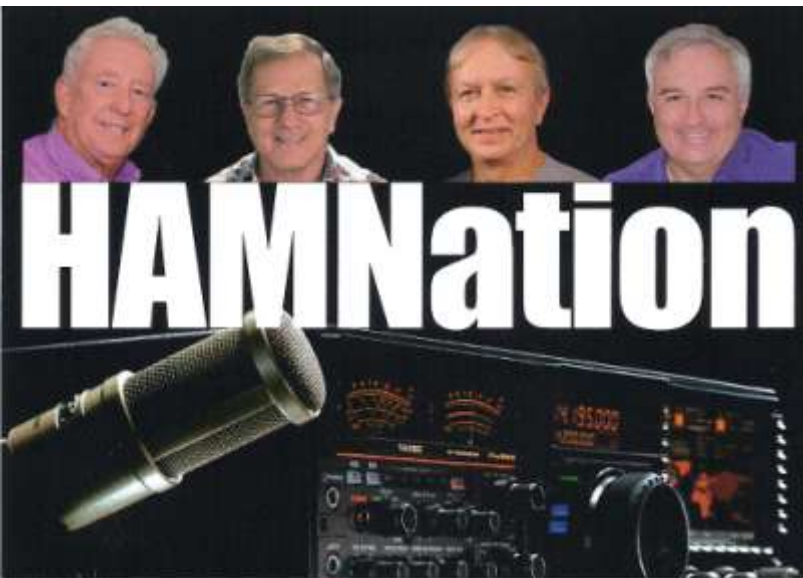
Website to checkout that works great on computer using a browser



This site is a mobile "apps" window Smartphones as well as any com- including the iPhone & iPads.



<http://mobile.ky5u.net/>



"HAM Nation" a weekly HD video webcast about Ham Radio.

Hosts: Gordo WB6NOA, Bob K9EID, George W5JDX, Leo W6TWT

Tuesday Evenings 8:00 PM CDT

twit network

<http://twit.tv>



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ILLINOIS ARES SSB HF NET 3.905 MHZ LSB

W9FX calls a net at 1630 local time on the first and third Sunday of every month. They are called by Sections and Bond County is in Section or Region 8

Bond County will be called and someone who is an ARES member, or ARES volunteer can check into the net. Every HF station in Bond County is invited if they would like to come on-board. Multiple pathways into your county with information is the goal.



WINLINK 2000



OFFICIAL DIGITAL MODE OF ILLINOIS ARES

Sometime during the week prior to the weekend of the 2nd Sunday Tim will post a message to the Illinois ARES Digital Working Group list with information specific to that month's test. subscribe here:

Illinois ARES Digital Mailing List

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IL_ARES_DWG

Tim McDonough, N9PUZ

IL ARES Assistant SEC - Digital Operations

Sangamon County, Springfield, IL



Regular Events

Club Meetings

First Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM, KC Greenville Learning Center (Kaskaskia College)

REMINDER!

The last day for the current Extra Class Question Pool is JUNE 30, 2012

If the Weather Net is Active

Regular Net will not be held!

Visit Us on the Web!!!

<http://ovarc.net>

Net Control Schedule



Clareen, KB9BEB is our Net Manager. The Okaw Valley ARC holds a weekly net at 9:00 PM on Sunday evenings. The net control stations are on a rotating schedule.

- May 27—NO NET-MEMORIAL DAY
- June 3—Tim K9XWX
- June 10—Kris WB9SLM
- June 17—John W9KXQ
- June 24—Kris WB9SLM
- July 1—Howard N9GEQ
- July 8—John W9KXQ
- July 15—Clareen KB9BEB

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Articles, New Items, Corrections, etc.



GES Ham Radio Club Activities

JUNE 25, 2011



Do you remember this photo from Field Day 2011. All of these girls have their ham license.

Can you identify them?

Hint: Their Call Letters are:

**KC9UBD, KC9UBI,
KC9SHF, KC9SHZ,
KC9VAK**



My View from Here! John W9KXQ

Please take a moment and read the back page of this issue regarding HB1390. Hopefully, because all of you in Illinois contacted your State Senator by now, we will see this bill on the Governor's desk for signing by end of the week. If you are wondering if Amateur Radio will still be alive in 10 years, I can tell you that it will. If the long lines of young people waiting to take the Amateur Exams at Dayton Hamvention is any indicator, then I am sure we will survive. I write this as I

have just returned from the Hamvention where both commercial & flea market sales were brisk. The ARRL product division was busy from open to close all 3 days. More study guides, books, Field Day pins, shirts and signs were sold than ever before. Our own VE team at the beginning of May saw 3 new Amateur Licensees and one upgrade. Of great interest to me was Lauren KC9VZR who passed her Technician Exam that day. Her father has been licensed all of Lauren's life and she had studied without his knowledge and passed the exam as a big surprise to him. She drove to Highland from Freeburg to take her test. Congratulation to Lauren for carrying on her family's tradition. We need more young people in our hobby to keep it alive. This Field Day, June 23 & 24th I have invited many of our young hams to join us, operating the GOTA Station or the other HF stations. This is an incredible opportunity to keep their interest alive and a great teaching opportunity for us "older" hams. Sharing your skills with these younger hams will help keep your skills sharp. Please plan now to join us for Field Day at Patriot's Park this year.

I close with a great big thank you to each of you for keeping our hobby alive. During my Hamvention trip I was able to meet old friends and some new friends, enjoyed a steak dinner with our Buckhorn group and even celebrated our President's Birthday (Ken KK9N) with a trip to "Cold Stone Ice Cream". Ken wasn't say just how old he turned during Dayton, but you can ask him!! Plan now for our June meeting and I will see you all at Field Day.

73 from up here!

OVARC FIELD DAY 2011 PHOTOS PARTRIOT'S PARK GREENVILLE, IL



**FUN!
FOOD**



**TESTING—LEARNING—
CONTACTS**





FBI: Hundreds of thousands may lose Internet in July

According to a news releases by the FBI, Internet users may not be able to use their computers after July 9, 2012. The FBI obtained a court order that directed at temporary fix for the “re-directed DNS”. The order expires July 9th.

To check your computer to see if it has been infected you can go to this website: <http://www.dcwq.org> . If you missed the news reports on this virus, one source is found on the KMOV.com website here: [KMOV](http://www.kmov.com).

This site is a safe site and is recommended by the FBI.

*Greenville
Graffiti*

Car Show

Saturday, June 16

Greenville, IL downtown

(2nd St. & College Ave.)

**Do
It
Yourself**
Street Faire

Our Common Ground's

Do It Yourself Street Faire featuring
robotics, metalworking, fishing/hunting
technology, amateur radio, and more!

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OVARC has been invited to participate in this event. We will need Operators on hand to show off Amateur Radio. Details to follow. We plan to have an operating HF station.



Ken's Trivial Corner (KK9N)

What year was the first ARRL sponsored Field Day and approximately how many Amateurs participated in Field Day 2011?

The answer and a prize for the winner will be given at the June 7, 2012 meeting



Dues for 2012 due January 1, 2012

Dues for 2012 are \$25.00 per member per year, second family member is \$10. Student dues \$5 per year

You can pay Howard N9GEQ at club meetings or send a check made payable to Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club P.O. Box 3 Greenville, IL 62246



FIELD DAY 2012

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2012 will be held

June 23-24, 2012.



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Testing Opportunities

**Jim Thibeault KF4NBG
OVARC VE Team**

Contact Jim KF4NBG
(618)-488-6411
BecomeAHam@yahoo.com

**Extra Class Questions Changes
July 1, 2012**

**Saturday June 24, 2012
At Field Day Site-Make Appointment**

Courtesy call or e-mail appreciated. Two forms of ID required (one with photo). If upgrading, original, plus copy of both license and any Certificates of Successful Completion (CSCE's) are required.

New Hams

John Ferrara KC9VZP

Lauren Theuerkauf KC9VZR

Andrew Schadt KC9VZQ

UP GRADES

Fred Partridge KC9RPE
(Extra)

Hamfests
Egyptian Hamfest June 10th
Egyptianfest 2012



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HB1390

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a municipality shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance or resolution after the effective date of the amendatory Act that affects the placement, screening, or height of antennas or support structures that are used for amateur radio communications unless the ordinance or resolution: (i) has a reasonable and clearly defined aesthetic, public health, or safety objective and represents the minimum practical regulation that is necessary to accomplish the objectives; and (ii) reasonably accommodates amateur radio communications. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately.

Link to HB1390 Status: [http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1390&GAID=11&GA=97&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=57892&SessionID=84)

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PLEASE EMAIL YOUR STATE SENATOR TODAY!!

Here is a link to use to find out your Reps email address:

<http://www.elections.il.gov/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx>

It is imperative to Amateur Radio in Illinois that each Amateur Radio Operator Contact their State Senator Today!

Ask that they:

“support HB1390 which would make the FCC's PRB-1 part of the Illinois Statutes. If this happens, we would have a better method for using PRB-1 in Amateur Radio antenna issues and litigation in Illinois. This bill is now expected to be up for a full house vote as early as next week.

It's too late to use the U.S. Postal Service. We must use email.

Please be polite and to the point in your request for support of HB1390. Please use our emergency and public service communications abilities ("When all else fails... Amateur Radio") as your primary reason for making this request.

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To all of you hams who read this on Sunday or Monday, this is IMPORTANT ! HB1390 has come a long way and if the schedule holds up, it WILL be called Tuesday or Wednesday. DO NOT wait !! If you have not contacted your State Senator, do it now. A special emphasis on DuPage, McHenry, and Lake County hams. Email or call the Springfield office of your Senator as politely ask them to support HB1390. You may point out the community service, etc.
DO NOT WAIT. We are either successful this week, or we may wait decades for another chance.



Rep. Chuck WV9C, Jim N9LQF & Charlie K9DUE

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Special attention to those represented by Sen. Suzi Schmidt (R-Lake Villa). Sen. Schmidt was the only member to vote against HB-1390 in committee. IF YOU ARE IN HER DISTRICT, please make a polite call to see if she might reconsider.

73--

Tom KA9QPN

June 2012
Okaw Valley Amateur Radio Club

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- **Community Service**
- **Emergency Communications**
- **Learn new technologies for fun**
- **Worldwide Friendships**
- **A Fun Hobby!**